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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****APR 21 2009****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
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In re Application of )  
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and Dr. Jason Murphy )  
Serial No.: 09/994,701 )  
Filed: 11/06/2001 )  
For: Nucleic Acid ... )  
Metal Affinity Chromatography ) Examiner Michael D.  
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Response Due: 22 April 2009 )

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION AND FORM  
PTOL-303  
37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 7 April 2009, consideration of the following Remarks and Request for Continued Examination is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed via fax to 571-273-8300 Central Fax of the USPTO on 21 April 2009 (37 CFR 1.10).

Applicants' Attorney herein responds to the above Office Action and encloses a Form PTO/SB/30 for an RCE. Except for the RCE fee [37 CFR 1.114; \$405], no additional fee is believed due as there are presented no additional claims.